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## **Link H. Spann**



### **Director, Technology Security & Cooperative Programs Navy International Programs Office**

Mr. Spann is a senior executive responsible for developing and coordinating Department of Navy (DoN) foreign disclosure policy to include technology, data, and hardware transfers and DoN cooperative acquisition programs including co-development, co-production and data exchanges. Additionally, he is a National Security Professional with experience in the resolution of interagency issues. Mr. Spann was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in April 2005 and has 34 years of Federal Service.

Under his leadership the Directorate has made exceptional progress in developing international partnerships. He has led efforts to remove barriers that impaired implementation of national/DOD/DoN strategy to foster and sustain international relationships. He also led the DoN effort in support of the President's Export Control Reform (ECR) initiative. He also led a team in drafting, coordinating, negotiating, and concluding of over 300 international RDT&E agreements which resulted in foreign contributions of hundreds of millions toward mutually beneficial RDT&E projects.

He had previously served as a Deputy Director and Division Director from October 2000 to April 2005. In this capacity, he led his team in processing over 100 precedent setting Technology Transfer and Security Assistance Review Board (TTSARB) disclosure decisions to establish DoN policies on arms transfers. In addition, he represented the DoN on the National Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC), and coordinated DoN export decisions with the Low Observable/Counter Low Observable (LO/CLO) policy committees to obtain release approvals.

Prior to joining the DoN, he was a Senior Associate with Booz, Allen & Hamilton where he managed a staff of 20 in the development of long-range planning and budget documentation for the \$5B Saudi Naval Expansion Program (SNEP) to fund the FMS acquisition of ships and weapon systems.

Prior to joining Booz, Allen, Mr. Spann was the Chief of Training Plans for Bell Helicopter International in Tehran, Iran from May 1975 to June 1977 where he managed a staff of six in the development of training plans for 3,500 Iranian personnel in depot maintenance of helicopters.

Mr. Spann completed U.S. Air Force Officer Training School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March 1966. He then entered and graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training in May 1967. He flew tactical airlift in Vietnam and then transitioned to C-141As at  
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McGuire AFB, New Jersey where he was both an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot until July 1971 when he left active duty as a Captain.

After his service in the Air Force, Mr. Spann attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated in August 1973 with a master's of business administration degree. He had received his bachelor's of science degree OU May 1975.